



**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM
PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SERVERELY DISABLED**

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The Honorable Jacob Lew
Director, Office of Management and Budget
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Lew:

The Committee has reviewed OMB Circular A-76 and the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act. We have concluded that all of the current activities performed by Committee employees are inherently governmental. Most of our work involves implementing the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act, which provides employment and training opportunities to people who are blind or have other severe disabilities through Federal procurement of products and services.

The functions within the Committee that meet the criteria for commercial activities are presently being performed by either a commercial contractor, another Federal agency specializing in that activity, or a central nonprofit agency designated by the Committee in accordance with the JWOD Act to perform specific functions. We contract with the General Services Administration to perform the administrative functions of financial management, payroll, and personnel. In addition, the Committee has utilized commercial contract support versus full-time equivalent employees to provide computer hardware and software support and disability research. Finally, the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH carry out a variety of activities that assist other Federal agencies and state and private nonprofit agencies to participate in the JWOD Program.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Leon A. Wilson, Jr.
Executive Directory.

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